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WALHALLA, S. C.:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1914.

IMPROVEMENT PRIZES AWARDED

The S. C. S. L. A. Committee Distribute \$1,000 to 30 Schools.

(The State.)

The executive committee of the South Carolina School Improvement Association held their session for awarding prizes Friday afternoon. This committee is composed of the officers and one member from each Congressional District of the State, namely: Miss Mary E. Hite, president, Aiken; Mrs. Dora D. Walker, vice president, Appleton; Miss Madeline Spigener, recording secretary, St. Matthews; Miss Isadora Williams, corresponding secretary, Liberty; Miss Florence Stubbs, treasurer, Rome; Misses Carolina Dickinson, Summerville; Leila Attaway, Saluda; Sadie Coggans, Newberry; Wil Lou Gray, Laurens; Leila Russell, Rock Hill; Elizabeth Dickson, Darlington; Ethel Dreher, Lexington.

Through the support of the State Board of Education the association was able to award \$1,000 in prizes. This amount was divided into thirty prizes, ten first prizes of \$50 each and 20 second prizes of \$25 each. There were 146 schools from thirty-seven counties of the State making application for these prizes.

First Prizes.

The ten schools receiving the first prizes were as follows: Meggetts school, Charleston county; Antioch, Darlington county; Ridgeville High School, Dorchester county; Trinity Ridge school, Laurens county; Pomaria school, Newberry county; Norway school, Orangeburg county; Daltzell school, Sumter county; Rome High School, Williamsburg county; Mt. Holly school, York county.

The twenty schools receiving the second prizes were as follows: Floyd school, Aiken county; Green Pond school, Anderson county; Old Varennes, Anderson county; Double Springs school, Anderson county; Ashleigh school, Barnwell county; Pleasant Hill school, Barnwell county; Armenia school, Chester county; McBee school, Chesterfield county; Mechanicsville school, Darlington county; Union school, Dillon county; Good Hope school, Georgetown county; Pleasant Hill school, Georgetown county; Beaver Dam school, Kershaw county; Gray school, Laurens county; Fair Play school, Oconee county; St. George school, Orangeburg county; Rutawville school, Orangeburg county; Nesmith school, Williamsburg county.

Meggetts School.

Meggetts school, in Charleston county, one of the ten first prize winners in the school improvement association prizes, is located in the section transferred from Colleton to Charleston county in 1910. Nowhere in the State is the contrast between the old and new conditions more evident. Superintendent Waring has made a success in giving this trucking community an efficient rural school. This is but one step in building up the back country around the city of Charleston. Miss Julia Salham, the teacher of this school, has shown what can be done in the way of constructive leadership in this school district.

Antioch school, in Darlington county, is six miles from Hartsville. Three districts have consolidated and erected a modern building with eight classrooms, two work rooms, an auditorium and all modern conveniences. The trustees have purchased a school farm on which a teachers' home is to be erected. Three wagons will be used for the conveyance of pupils, extending the benefits of the school to an area of 49 square miles.

This type of rural school is a standard toward which the country districts should direct their efforts. It embodies all the excellencies of the graded school system and offers in addition the best facilities for agricultural and industrial teaching. The principal, V. E. Redcor, is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, recently returned from the Philippines. He is planning to make Antioch a model rural school for the State.

Commenting on the prize winning schools, State Superintendent of Education J. E. Swearingen said:

"Several years ago the patrons of Trinity school and Ridge school, in Laurens county, rolled their two old houses together to establish the consolidated Trinity-Ridge school. Increased attendance made growing demands on the school so that J. D. W. Watts led in the movement to erect an adequate modern school building. This house has just been completed and is universally recognized as one of the best country schools in the State. The community have voted the necessary local tax to maintain a strong teaching corps. The district is recognized by the State Board of Education as a rural high school. The teacher this session is Miss Laura Aull.

"Not far from Swansea the people of Athens district have erected one of the best two-room buildings in the county of Lexington. The patrons and trustees are planning to establish a rural graded school with State aid.

"The new building at Pomaria, Newberry county, is the first link in a chain of fine school houses stretching across the county from Broad river to Saluda river. The trustees have already enrolled 20 per cent more pupils than ever before. The plan of the house is one of the most serviceable and popular in the State.

"When the south-bound railroad from Columbia to Savannah was built some 20 years ago critics declared that the country traversed by the new line would always be little better than a waste. Among the progressive towns now dotted along the railroad Norway is one of the best.

"The new \$10,000 school building holds more than 100 pupils under the instruction of five teachers. Though the population of the town is only 315, the community can boast of better school facilities than are offered in many larger towns of the State. F. C. Chitty is the energetic principal and has already shown the value of enthusiastic leadership in his school.

"At Daltzell, in Sumter county, Misses Pearle and Dorothy Napier are showing what valuable service is rendered by Lander College in training efficient teachers. The new building is only one evidence of their practical judgment and successful work. Pupils and patrons have co-operated gladly in the sewing and cooking classes which make this school one of the leaders in industrial training for rural communities. With the conveyance wagons soon to be installed a larger enrollment will necessitate the employment of a third teacher.

"At Rome, on the boundary between Williamsburg and Georgetown counties, R. B. Candler, with the co-operation of the trustees, had the good judgment to employ an to retain a trained principal. The superintendent of the school is O. M. Mitchell, a graduate of Wofford College, and an educator whose service has been recognized by the Federal bureau of education at Washington. The dairy at this school is the only experiment in live stock training now being conducted in South Carolina. A group of consolidated schools has grown up in the neighborhood of Rome. The community is giving an object lesson in agricultural education and educational efficiency.

"Three years ago the teacher in Catawba township, near Rock Hill, decided to consolidate four neighborhood schools. Miss Minnie Garrison, who has just published the "York County Cook Book for Tomato Club Girls," has also given her school district one of the best consolidated rural graded schools in the State.

"Miss Mary E. Hite has given busy days and wakeful nights to her work and the co-operation she has enlisted from 37 of the 44 counties shows what might be accomplished if the president of the Rural School Improvement Association were in position to devote her energies solely to the upbuilding of the country schools."

For Frost Bites and Chapped Skin.

For frost bitten ears, fingers and toes; chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins, there is nothing to equal Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Stops the pain at once and heals quickly. In every home there should be a box handy at all times. Best remedy for all skin diseases, itching eczema, tetter, piles, etc. 25c. All druggists, or by mail, H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

Another Aviator Record.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—Looping the loop six times at a height of 2,500 feet over San Francisco Bay, Lincoln Beachy to-day established another world's aviation record.

Christmas Day Beachy looped the loop five times, a record in itself. Previous to looping the loop to-day Beachy flew upside down.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy
Cures Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough.

THE NEW TYPE OF SCHOOL.

There is One at Ridgeville—R. A. Gentry is the Principal.

(News and Courier Special.)
Summerville, Dec. 22.—In the report of prizes awarded to rural schools by the South Carolina School Improvement Association, an error occurred in giving the name of the principal of Ridgeville school, Dorchester county—the school having the highest score. As this distinction is due in a very large measure to the enthusiastic leadership and personal efforts of the principal, R. A. Gentry, it seems only right that this correction be made.

Through the enterprise of the trustees and patrons of this school bonds were issued and a \$5,000 building, on approved plans, was erected. A fine building alone, however, does not make a good school. The country school of to-day which meets with approval is the one which, in addition to the regular course of study, trains boys and girls to be good citizens. To this end Mr. Gentry and his assistants are striving.

In connection with this new school is the "Teachers' Home," which is fast becoming an important factor in the life of this community. Here the principal and his wife, with the assistant teachers, are making a real home; here the boys bring their tools, and under the kind instruction of Mr. Gentry, do a little manual work; here the boys and girls meet to sing and practice for school entertainments, and here the guest is sure of a warm welcome and generous hospitality. Such a "home" and school are a blessing to any community.

The above will be of interest to many in Oconee who know Mr. Gentry, he having been numbered among the teachers in this county last year, during which time he had charge, as principal, of the Keowee Graded School.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Four Words Coined Every Day.

London, Dec. 27.—Four new words are added to the English language every day, if the dictionaries may be accepted as a standard of measurement. During the last three centuries the rate of growth of the dictionaries has been 1,500 words a year.

In 1616 John Bullockar, the first English lexicographer, published his "Complait English Dictionary," with 5,080 words. During the later nineteenth century the "Imperial Dictionary" was issued with 200,000 words, and the "Century Dictionary" with a still larger number, followed in 1894 by Dr. Isaac Funk's "Standard Dictionary" containing 318,000. There have been several editions of this, but the one soon to appear will eclipse them all. This will contain 450,000 words.

His Stomach Troubles Over.

Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over; that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers. ad.

Charlotte Man Kills His Wife.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 1.—James L. Bolejack, aged 60 years, this morning shot and killed his wife in their home in Charlotte. When arrested by the chief of police and coroner, Bolejack had in his possession six bottles of lemon extract, one of which was partly consumed. The officers say they have found several instances recently where arrests were necessary on account of intoxication from this liquid.

Chronic Constipation Cured.

"Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew of, and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me," writes S. F. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers. ad.

BLEASE WILL ASK PROBE

Replies to Capt. Sondley—Governor Gives Out Statement.

Columbia, Dec. 23.—Governor Blease came back to-day in a statement replying to the indignant denial by Capt. W. H. Sondley, of the State penitentiary guard, of the charges of cruelty made against him by a white convict, Raimon Parris, of Newberry county, whom the Governor recently paroled. The Governor, in his statement, says that he has letters from convicts which he will send to the General Assembly, and he calls on the General Assembly for an investigation of the penitentiary.

Capt. Sondley arraigned the Governor in his statement for taking the words of convicts in their tales of cruelty, which the penitentiary captain denounced as false and which, he said, were "frame-ups."

The Governor charges that Capt. Sondley has talked very bitterly about him in several local clubs. His statement, as given out to-day, follows:

"Since I paroled a negro convict, who was brutally whipped because he spoke to me, during the last session of the Legislature, at which time the committee called the convict and others before them to testify, in the hall of the House of Representatives, for some reason Capt. Sondley has been very bitter against me. It has been repeatedly reported to me by some of my friends that it is disagreeable to be in his company at the Elks' Club, or at the Commercial Club—that he always makes it a point to bring me up in his conversations and is very bitter towards me in his remarks. The action I took then was not directed at Mr. Sondley, but was taken for the sake of humanity. I presume that the public will understand his hatred of me, and I feel that he can do me no injury by anything that he says. I am very glad, indeed, that he has made this outburst, because he puts on notice those whom he would attempt to influence against me next summer that he is my political and personal enemy, and they will, therefore, know why it is that he is attempting to criticize and injure me.

"As to the Parris boy: Capt. Pressley, one of the truest men I have ever known and one of the most perfect gentlemen, and who has been connected with the penitentiary for many years—possibly twenty or more—sat in my office and heard every word that Parris said. Capt. Pressley knew Capt. Sondley, and he knew Capt. Griffith, and after hearing me read this letter of Parris to him, and after hearing Parris' statement in full, Capt. Pressley did not open his mouth in correction or denial of what Parris said. I believed then, and I believe now, that every word Parris said was the truth. Had it not been I do not believe that as honorable a man as Capt. Pressley would have sat silent and allowed Col. Griffith and Capt. Sondley to have been misrepresented by this boy.

"There are a good many other instances which have come to my attention by letters and by statements from convicts, which, if I were to give them to the public, might possibly show the public that Capt. Sondley is by no means the great humanitarian that he professes to be. Some of these letters will be presented to the General Assembly at the coming session, when I hope the General Assembly will make a proper investigation and not merely call before them the officials of the institution."

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.

The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Spartan Lady Makes Big Gift.

Spartanburg, Dec. 24.—Announcement was made here to-day that Mrs. Elizabeth A. Judd, widow of a Spartanburg banker had given gilt-edge securities, worth \$30,000, to Converse College, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Textile Industrial Institute as a Christmas gift.

Each of the institutions received ten thousand dollars. Mrs. Judd had previously presented large sums of money to educational and philanthropic institutions of this city. The trustees of Converse College have decided to name the new science building, on which work will begin in the spring, Judd Hall.

Bryan in the Pulpit.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 28.—William J. Bryan, Secretary of State, occupied the pulpit of a local Presbyterian church to-night. His subject was "The Child and Christmas." James Whitcomb Riley, the Indiana poet, whose winter home is near that of Mr. Bryan here, was among those who heard the address.



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Planters are finding that it pays to rotate crops. Corn, hay and cotton follow each other with a sure profit. Besides raising diversified crops, more planters use fertilizers containing

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TAX NOTICE.

County Treasurer's Office, Walhalla, S. C., Sept. 24, 1913.

The books for the collection of State, County, School and Special Taxes for the fiscal year 1913 will be open from October 15th, 1913, to December 31st, 1913, without penalty, after which day one per cent penalty will be added on all payments made in the month of January, 1914, and two per cent penalty on all payments made in the month of February, 1914, and seven per cent penalty on all payments made from the first day of March until the 15th day of March, 1914. After that day all taxes not paid will go into execution and be placed in the hands of the Sheriff for collection.

Taxpayers owning property or paying taxes for others will please ask for a tax receipt in each Township or Special School District in which he or they may own property. This is very important, as there are so many special school districts.

The tax levy is made up as follows:
State tax 5 1/2 mills
Special School 1 mill
School 3 mills
Ordinary County 8 mills
Interest on bonds 1/4 mill

Total tax 17 1/2 mills

Special and Local School Tax.

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Poll Tax, \$1.

Every male citizen from twenty-one to sixty years of age is liable for poll tax except Confederate soldiers, who do not pay after fifty years of age, and those exempted by law.

Road Tax, \$2.

Every male citizen from eighteen to fifty years of age is liable for road tax, except those exempt by law. This tax is payable from October 15th, 1913, to March 15th, 1914, after which time four days' work will be required.

Parties wishing information from this office (by mail) will please enclose postage.

R. H. ALEXANDER, S. C.

Treasurer Oconee County, S. C.

PENSION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I will attend, in the Court House, on each Saturday in January, 1914, for the purpose of receiving applications for pensions and preparing the same to go before the County Board of Pensions, which Board meets on the first Monday in February, 1914. Those already on the roll for 1913 need not appear. Only new applicants or widows of those pensioners who have died and wish to apply as such widows will be required to make application.

I would be glad to have all the names of those pensioners or widows now on the roll who died during the year 1913 reported to me so as the 1914 roll can be correctly revised by the Board on the first Monday in February. **J. W. HOLLEMAN,**
Pensioner Commissioner Oconee Co.
Dec. 17, 1913.

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